

Department of Commerce

Mine Safety and Technical Review Committee

Mission

The Mine Safety and Technical Review Committee (TRC) assists the Board of Coal Mine Health and Safety in the development of technical data relating to mine safety issues, including related mining technology.

Operations

The Technical Review Committee consists of two members along with an administrator, all of whom are appointed by the Governor. The major function of the committee is to provide technical information to the Board of Coal Mine Health and Safety regarding potential rule-making decisions.

Goals/Objectives

- Assist the Board of Coal Mine Health and Safety in the development of technical data relating to mine safety issues, including related mining technology.
- Provide suggestions and technical data to the board, and propose rules and regulations with general mining industry application.
- Accept and review petitions submitted by individual mine operators or miners seeking site-specific rule-making pertaining to individual mines, and make recommendations to the board concerning such rule-making.
- Continue to provide a West Virginia coal forum to promote the use and advantages of West Virginia coal and to provide a public forum for discussion of general mining issues.
- Coordinate with state universities and U.S. Mine Safety and Health Administration officials to develop new technologies that will embrace coal productivity without any diminution of safety.
- Continue to focus on ways to reduce major injuries and accidents by focusing on major causes.
- Continue publishing the *Coal Forum* newsletter four times per year to keep labor and industry abreast of rapid changes.

Performance Measures

<u>Fiscal Year</u>	<u>Actual</u> <u>2003</u>	<u>Actual</u> <u>2004</u>	<u>Estimated</u> <u>2005</u>	<u>Actual</u> <u>2005</u>	<u>Estimated</u> <u>2006</u>	<u>Estimated</u> <u>2007</u>
Mining company variance requests approved by the TRC	35	30	75	75	83	84
Miner metatarsal variance requests approved by the TRC	30	35	20	20	20	21

Expenditures

	TOTAL FTE POSITIONS 11/30/2005	ACTUALS FY 2005	BUDGETED FY 2006	REQUESTED FY 2007	GOVERNOR'S RECOMMENDATION
EXPENDITURE BY PROGRAM					
Mine Safety & Technical Review Committee	0.00	\$73,162	\$95,452	\$88,352	
Less: Reappropriated		0	0	0	
TOTAL BY PROGRAM	0.00	73,162	95,452	88,352	88,352
EXPENDITURE BY FUND					
General Fund					
FTE Positions		0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Total Personal Services		24,900	23,400	23,400	23,400
Employee Benefits		2,940	2,630	2,630	2,630
Other Expenses		35,512	62,322	62,322	62,322
Less: Reappropriated		0	0	0	0
Subtotal: General Fund		63,352	88,352	88,352	88,352
Federal Fund					
FTE Positions		0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Total Personal Services		0	0	0	0
Employee Benefits		0	0	0	0
Other Expenses		0	0	0	0
Subtotal: Federal Fund		0	0	0	0
Appropriated Special Fund					
FTE Positions		0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Total Personal Services		0	0	0	0
Employee Benefits		0	0	0	0
Other Expenses		0	0	0	0
Less: Reappropriated		0	0	0	0
Subtotal: Appropriated Special Fund		0	0	0	0
Nonappropriated Special Fund					
FTE Positions		0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Total Personal Services		0	0	0	0
Employee Benefits		0	0	0	0
Other Expenses		9,810	7,100	0	0
Subtotal: Nonappropriated Special Fund		9,810	7,100	0	0
TOTAL FTE POSITIONS BY FUND		0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
TOTAL EXPENDITURES BY FUND		\$73,162	\$95,452	\$88,352	\$88,352